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Mr. Pete V. Mellits, P. E., LEED AP
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Baltimore, MD 21202

RE: Aris T. Allen Boulevard Residential/Rocky Gorge PUD
FCA Variance Request for the Removal of Eleven Specimen Trees

Dear Mr. Mellits,

The City of Annapolis has received your request for a variance for the removal of eleven specimen trees 67, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 93, 95, 98, 99, and 100.

A site inspection showed that one tree is in poor condition and ten trees are in fair/good condition. The tree in poor condition is not a priority from a preservation perspective. Given the extensive area preserved by a conservation easement, there is no afforestation/reforestation required by the Forest Conservation Act. However, the City of Annapolis has required that all trees removed that exceed 12 inches in diameter be replaced according to City Code Chapter 17.09, including those for which a variance is requested. Therefore, the developer is required to plant 385 trees as part of the development plan. After review of the Forest Stand Delineation, the Forest Conservation Plan, and the development plans it has become evident to the City of Annapolis that preservation of the ten trees in fair/good condition would cause an unwarranted hardship to the applicant. Therefore, the City of Annapolis grants the applicant a variance to remove the specimen trees 67, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 93, 95, 98, 99, and 100.

Sincerely,

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